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TO AMEMBASSY LOME IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ACCRA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BANGUI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 1165,: GDS

TAGS: PINT, DM

SUBJECT:BENIN ATTEMPTED COUP

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REF: A) COTONOU 111 (NOTAL) B) 76 LOME 2773 (NOTAL)

1. MORNING OF JAN. 16 COTONOU WAS ATTACKED, ALLEGEDLY BY MERCENARIES, WHO ARRIVED AT AIRPORT ABOUT 0800 LOCAL TIME AND DEPARTED ABOUT 1100 LOCAL TIME AFTER APPARENT ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW KEREKOU FAILED. EYEWITNESSES SAY PLANE WAS SILVER WITH BLUE BAND ON SIDE. OTHERS STATE IT WAS FOUR

ENGINE PROPELLER DRIVEN. TIRES SAID TO HAVE BEEN SHOT OUT WHILE ON GROUND. EVENING JAN. 16 FOUR ENGINE PROP AIRCRAFT CIRCLED COTONOU FOR FIVE MINUTES IN POSSIBLY RELATED INCIDENT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POST MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE REGARDING AIRCRAFT THAT REPORTEDLY CARRIED ATTACK FORCES, AND IN PARTICULAR WHERE IT LANDED AFTER LEAVING COTONOU.

3. FOR LOME. IS CONSTELLATION N-273R STILL THERE?

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